



the continuation of a pattern. Since the Commission approved the transfer of FCPS to the competitive product list, the Postal Service has consistently raised rates at a rate far in excess of inflation.

While the Commission may deem FCPS' status on the competitive products list to be beyond the scope of this proceeding, it has a responsibility to protect users of the Postal Service from unfair use of its monopoly power. If the Commission erred in permitting the transfer of FCPS to the competitive products list – and the Postal Service's pricing behavior strongly suggests that possibility – it should take all available steps to rectify that error.

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